



HOSTESS HOUSE

NATIONAL YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

CAMP GRANT, ILLINOIS

Infantry Replacement & Training Troops,
1330 West

Camp Grant, Ill.

Nov. 9, 1918.

Mr. Earl Silvers,

Director of War Service,

Dear Sir,

I received two letters from you, which gave me an idea of what my Alma Mater is doing in this time of strain and hardships. I want to thank you for these tokens which have kept my eyes still gazing on Old Queens.

Army life has become a habit with me, but I cannot imagine how it would be to go to college at the call of the bugle. If ever I get an opportunity to come east, I

shall wend my way to New Brunswick and ~~to~~ renew my old friendships.

I have been at Camp Grant since September 26th and during this period I have received an additional month's training to improve my efficiency. At first I was attached to the Depot Brigade, but this only lasted two weeks. During this time we had no men to drill as half of the men in the company had the Influenza and the other half were needed for special duties. Then I was transferred to a company composed entirely of "Shave-Tails". I have been in this company ever since. We were in quarantine five weeks on account of the epidemic.

This provisional company was formed with the idea of instructing these officers who had become idle because of the Influenza.



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There were five of these companies formed, comprising altogether 500-600 Second Lieutenants. Lt. Sam. Burr, '19, is in my company and Lt. Post, '20, is in the Third Provisional Company which is loc. ~~at~~ 9 West. I passed your news to these Rutgers men and they also received some news of our college.

The first week we were instructed in musketry which is the study of the Modern Enfield Rifle. The second week we got paper work instruction, then a week of gas warfare, and in the past week bayonet work.

There are rumors floating about that we may be transferred to other camps in a few weeks. If such is the case I shall let you know of any change of address.

I shall send a money order for two (2) dollars. One dollar for the Alumni Quarterly and the other for some other Rutgers man in the service. I shall hold this letter and enclose the order payable to you.

Let me know again in the near future any news of Rutgers. If there is a spare copy I should like to get a look at the new "Fargum".

Very respectfully,

Rudolph F. Illig, Jr, '20.
2nd Lt. Inf, U.S. A.

November 12
1918.

Lieut. Rudolph F. Illig, Jr.,
Inf Repl & Tr. Troops
1330 West.
Camp Grant, Ill.

Dear Lieutenant Illig:

It was splendid of you to write your interesting letter of November 9 and to give us all the news of your army life. We are very grateful for your generosity in sending us money order for \$2.00 to cover two subscriptions to the Alumni Quarterly. We are sending the magazine to one of the members of your class who is now in France, with the note that subscription has been given by you. The October number will appear very shortly. We have been greatly delayed because of trouble in our printing plant.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Cordially yours,

I'll bring you back
some Souvenirs



Inf. Replaced In Troops
1330 W.

Camp Grant, Ill.

Monday Nov.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Silvers,

At Present there are
the only souvenirs which
I can send. We rec'd news
of peace and paraded in
town to-day. I rec'd some
farguns and was surprised
to hear of the renewed
activities at college.

Yours, Lt. R. F. Illig, Jr., '20.

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Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
Director of War Service Bureau,
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New Brunswick,
New Jersey.